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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislative Oversight Committee
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SUBJECT: Implementation Update #22
Extension of Implementation Date of CAP-MR/DD Waiver Changes

Implementation Update # 19 announced a change to the CAP-MR/DD waiver related to families and guardians providing services to consumers. That document indicated that a Technical Amendment had been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to receive federal approval of the policy changes.

Since announcing the new policy, we have heard from many families with questions and concerns, especially as the new policy applies to parents who have been appointed legal guardians of their adult children and also serve as the paid caregiver for those consumers. CMS approved the Technical Amendment on November 20, 2006 and it had been our intention to implement it February 1, 2007. However, in order to ensure that families have adequate time to carefully consider any adjustments they may need to make to be in compliance with the policy, we have decided to postpone the implementation date until April 1, 2007. This extension will also permit the Department of Health and Human Services to carefully consider the input we have received and determine if any modifications should be made to the policy.

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